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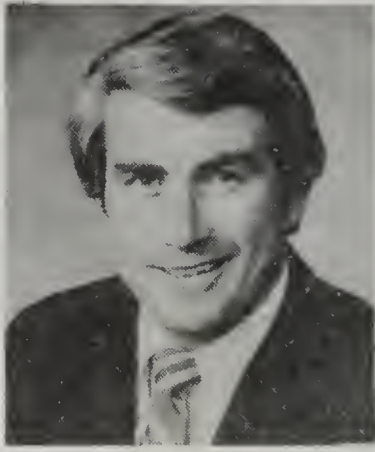
Teenage Drinking And Driving:



**Too Often
The Innocent
Get Smashed**



**Jim Edgar
Secretary of State**



**DON'T DRINK
AND DRIVE!**

Every hour a teenager dies in an alcohol or drug-related motor vehicle accident.

Mixing alcohol or drugs and driving results in the deaths of about 8,000 teenagers a year in this country. In fact, drinking and driving is the leading cause of death among teenagers.

Drivers aged 16-24, who represent only 22 percent of all drivers, cause 44 percent of all nighttime alcohol-related accidents.

The death rate for teenage drunk drivers is higher because the effects of alcohol are greater on young people, and because they are more inexperienced drivers.

Your chances of getting caught are better than ever with Illinois' new drunk driving law. If convicted, you will lose your driving privileges for at least one year and your insurance rates will soar.

Don't let someone talk you into wasting your life or others. Resist the pressure to drink and drive and urge your friends to do the same.

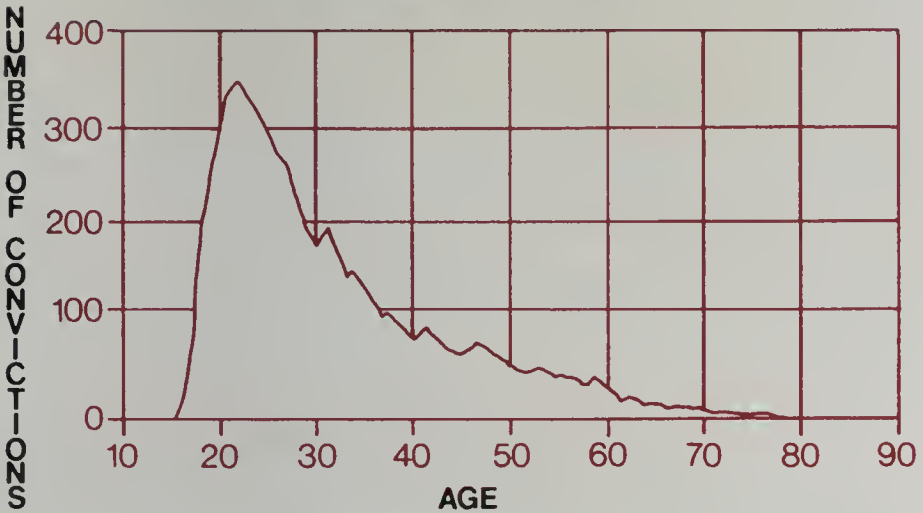
Sincerely,

Jim Edgar

THE FACTS:

- Young adults in Illinois are convicted for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs (DUI) more than any other age group.

1982 ILLINOIS DUI CONVICTIONS BY AGE
AT TIME OF ARREST



- In Illinois, a person is legally considered to be under the influence when the alcohol concentration is .10 percent or more, based on a ratio of alcohol to blood or breath.
- Any amount of alcohol may impair the ability to drive safely.
- Under Illinois' tough new DUI law, DUI arrests by Illinois State Police increased 70% during 1982, and DUI convictions on 1982 arrests increased 45% over 1981 arrests and convictions. Illinois traffic deaths decreased by about 200, or 11%, in 1982.

FAKE ID's

It is now a federal offense to make or use fake identification cards. The penalties for making a fake ID are: Maximum fine of \$25,000 and possible jail for five years.

THE EFFECTS:

- Alcohol is a drug. It is absorbed into the bloodstream and quickly carried to the brain and other parts of the body.
- After alcohol reaches the bloodstream, its actions are irreversible.
- Long before the obvious signs of intoxication appear, alcohol use can produce these common physiological and psychological changes that affect driving:

Impulsive responses & risk taking.

Reduced tolerance to glare.

Reduced muscle coordination and reaction time.

Underestimation of speed and glare.

Exaggeration of any emotional instability.

Reduced attentiveness, increased drowsiness.

Inability to clearly see objects in motion.

Reduced peripheral vision.

- There is no shortcut to sobering up. Coffee and cold showers only create a wide-awake, wet, cold drunk.
- Each packs the same punch!



12 oz. beer



5 oz. wine



1½ oz. liquor

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THE COST:

Driving under the influence (DUI) means that a driver is unable to safely operate a vehicle as a result of the influence of alcohol, another drug, or a combination of the two.

Persons convicted of DUI in Illinois face these penalties:

- Loss of drivers license for at least one year.
- Possible imprisonment up to a year.
- Maximum fine of \$1,000.

In addition to the criminal penalties, persons convicted of DUI can expect to pay about \$1,000 to \$5,000 or more. Costs and insurance vary depending on age, location, and other factors.

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| LAWYER'S FEES | \$1,500-\$2,000 |
| (for a jury trial) | |
| FINES. | up to \$1,000 |
| LOST WORK TIME. | 1 to 2 days' pay |
| ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT & REMEDIAL PROGRAM (required before driving privileges are reinstated) | \$50-\$480 |
| DRIVERS LICENSE REINSTATEMENT FEE | \$30 |
| NEW DRIVERS LICENSE FEE | \$8 |
| HIGH RISK AUTO IN- SURANCE RATES | \$1,300 or more |



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TO HELP FIGHT DRUNK DRIVING:

- Be part of the solution, not part of the problem. There may be a lot of pressure from your friends to drink. With a simple "no thanks," you may save your life and others.
- Be a responsible friend. If you find that he or she has had too much to drink, offer to drive, call a cab, or arrange for someone who is sober to drive.
- Join a group that fights drunk driving:

*Students Against Driving Drunk
(S.A.D.D.)*

*Alliance Against Intoxicated
Motorists (A.A.I.M.)*

Remove Intoxicated Drivers (R.I.D.)

*Remove Every Drunk Driver
Immediately (R.E.D.D.I.)*

Designated Drivers Programs

*Project SCAN (Court monitoring
of DUI cases)*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THESE GROUPS, CALL:

(312) 793-3389

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(217) 782-6250

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